

REMARKS:

The claims in the application are 1-18, 20, 21 and Claims 22-24 added by the present Supplemental Amendment.

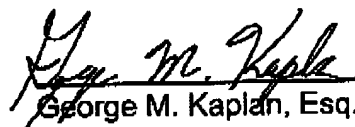
Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Subsequent to filing of the Amendment in response to the Final Office Action issued February 25, 2003, the office of the undersigned received the Decision on Petition mailed June 23, 2003 and withdrawing finality of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants are taking this opportunity to introduce additional Claims 22-24 which find support, e.g., on page 8 of the present application.

The present Supplemental Amendment is being filed by facsimile to expedite handling. A Transmittal authorizing charge to the Deposit Account of the office of the undersigned, of the additional claims fee, is also enclosed.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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